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DEFENSE OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Minutes of the second session of the twenty-ninth meeting, held on Friday, 19 October 1956 in Room 1521, Barton Hall.

1. Present:



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2. Minutes of the twenty-eighth meeting on 29 August were approved as issued.

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3. a. Progress of the RSB/ER was reported by [redacted] as follows: The ITU Radio Frequency Record IBM cards have now been received from ATIC and it will shortly be possible to make statistical analyses of the Radio Frequency Record on request. They have arranged to obtain more direct reporting from the FCC monitoring stations than heretofore. There has as yet been no reply from NSA to CIA request of last July, but there has been increasingly close working relationship between NSA and the RSB, including the discussion of the setting up of a usage file at NSA using their 705 IBM machines. [redacted] as CIA representative on the committee to prepare for the 1959 International Telecommunications Conference, expressed interest in statistical usage studies which might be made in preparation therefor. [redacted] indicated that if the classification could be removed from such studies, they would be valuable for bargaining with other nations for certain information. The Chairman suggested that potential customers for the RSB product make their interest and requirements known to the RSB.

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b. With respect to Broadcast Evaluation, [redacted] reported that [redacted] is being transferred from the BES [redacted]. However, it is hoped that he will be able to devote a large portion of his time to collection activities on EMW matters, and that the transfer may, therefore, not result in a complete loss to the

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evaluation effort. The subject of the feasibility of an intelligence study projecting the number of broadcast receiving sets by types for the next Five-Year period, which had been introduced to the Committee at the twenty-eighth meeting, was discussed further.

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██████████ indicated that the subject would be included in their project 11.09, but not in sufficient detail to indicate frequency coverage of the receivers. ██████████ reported that he had queried the research section of the U. S. Information Agency as to the value of such a projection and the reply was that it would be useful if:

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1. The information could indicate the receiver wave band coverage.

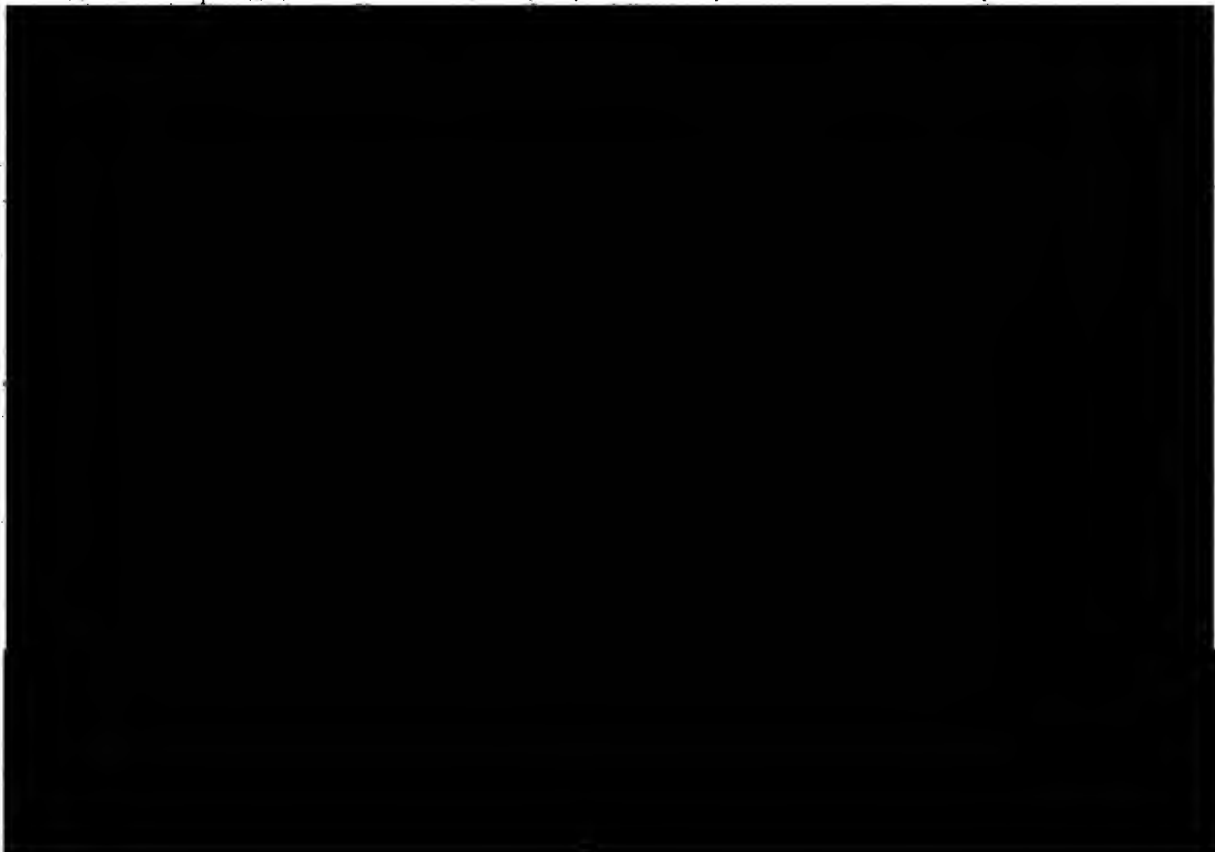
2. There could be a clear distinction between production and sets in use.

It was not clear that such a report was required to be as detailed as SI 82-52, which gave all possible technical details concerning Soviet broadcast receivers including the wiring diagrams.

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██████████ suggested the possibility of performing this study by external contract. It was agreed that representatives of OSI, OHR/T and OHR/S should consult and see what should be done about the proposal.

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4. With respect to the OCB progress report, [REDACTED] reported that the OCB had accepted the idea that what was required was a report on the status of International broadcasting. A completely new draft was being written which will be staffed out with the Agencies concerned before presentation to the Board Assistants.

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5. With respect to the OCB progress report, [REDACTED] reported that a much condensed progress report had been prepared on ESC 169 and on certain aspects of the [REDACTED] Committee Report, and was now ready to go to the ESC, and was being held to go forward with the OCB progress report.

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6. [REDACTED] reported with respect to the amateur project that the preparatory work was nearly done. There will be approximately ten amateurs involved including at least one overseas. The Office of Security wants to take part in the evaluation of the results of the project by IOTAC.

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7. [REDACTED] reported on the status of the proposed exchange of broadcasters with the USSR. He noted the reported recommendation of a Polish Governmental Committee to discontinue jamming and spend the annual cost of 20 million dollars on broadcasting instead. It might put a different light on any discussions of jamming during the course of the exchange. It was the consensus of IOTAC that it was important to have adequate technical representation on the US delegation to the USSR in order to maximize the intelligence to be gained in the exchange.

8. The next meeting of the committee will be held on Wednesday, 31 October at 1000 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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